(b) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THEMINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Government have received recommendations on the link between Standards and ambient pollution from the NIPFP. The recommendation is as follows : —

> "Though Central Pollution Control Board has laid down ambient air and water quality standards, the actual enforcement provisions relate to source pollution. Accordingly, regulation has largely concentrated on enforcing source specific standards... It is quite possible that there is no violation of source specific standards at all and yet the ambient standards are violated, simply because the source specific standards have not been made consistent with the ambient standards in terms of the volume of pollution causing activities. In principle the source specific standards should be made more stringent over time as the volume of such activities increases in order to support a given ambient air or water quality standard."

(c) The Government of India has notified only the minimal National Standards for pollution. The State Boards are free to prescribe ambient-linked stricter standrads for a particular area within the State.

Agro Producing Industry

*106. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the traditional industrialists are now fast shifting from engineering to agro producing industry ;

(b) If so, whether in the changed scenario, the farmers will continue to be the raw-material producers of such industrialists who in turn be continuous exploiters of the farmers;

(c) whether Government have any plans to introduce latest technology for very small scale agro processing industry which are well within the reach of the farmers so as to enable them to facilitate value addition to their produce; and

(d) whether the farmers would be allowed to process their produce without any licence etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes Sir. Some existing industrialists are trying to diversify from engineering to agro-processing industry.

(b) No, Sir. Agro-processing units will enable farmers to have better return for their produce. Famrers can also set up such agro processing uints.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes. Sir. Except for brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages, all other agro-processing units under the purview of this Ministry can be set up by farmers without an industrial licence.

Caste Violence in Varansi

*107. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the killing of two persons in Varanasi area durin the second week of February, 1994 resulted in caste violence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Shri P. M. Sayeed, had recently visited the spot and made inquiries into the episode;

(c) If so, what are the findings thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that this led to increased tension in Uttar Pradesh recently; and

(e) what are the details in this regard ?

The Minister of HOME AFFAIRS (Shri S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) Following the killings of four persons, there were incidents of violence in Varanasi.

(b) and (c) Shri Sayeed's vist to Varanasi was not in his official capacity.